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The joys of parenting, eh, @PHILLY_RICO?

# Four charged in witness intimidation shooting

**Threats.** After a neighbor tried to testify about a shooting he witnessed, he was attacked and shot through the throat.

Prosecutors announced Wednesday that four men have been charged with attempted murder after they allegedly conspired to kill a witness.

"Witness intimidation in many ways corrodes our system and prevents defendants from coming to justice," District Attorney Seth Williams said at a press conference announcing the arrests, calling the witness who was shot "a true hero."

Aki Jones, 37, Charles Alexander, 35, Troy Cooper, 42 and Shaheed Williams, 21, were all charged with attempted murder, witness intimidation, aggravated assault and conspiracy.

According to prosecutors, the case arose when Jones witnessed a violent altercation among women on Turner Street, one of whom was Jones' god-daughter, according to court documents.

Jones fired an illegal handgun into the air to break up the fight, and after the witness in question called 911, Jones was arrested and charged with firearm offenses.

He could have faced a sentence ranging from probation to five years, DA Williams said.

Instead, from jail, Jones allegedly arranged for Alexander and Cooper to offer the witness a $500 bribe to not testify. The witness refused.

The next day, Sept. 26, 2011, Shaheed Williams allegedly shot at the witness as he left his house near the intersection of 25th and Jefferson streets.

One bullet went through the witness's hand as he blocked his face. Williams allegedly chased the suspect, said, "You won't talk no more," then fired a bullet that went through the witness's throat. The witness survived.

"He wanted to come forward because he wanted to clean up his neighborhood," said ATF Special Agent in Charge Sam Rabadi. "Our No. 1 priority is always going to be cases related to witness intimidation and retaliation."

Jones and Williams were arrested Wednesday by ATF agents. Williams was already incarcerated for an unrelated case.

Jones was sentenced to five years in federal court for his gun case.

According to court documents, Jones was previously involved in a July 2008 case where he allegedly shot a basketball referee in the back legs and buttocks, and pleaded guilty to gun possession in 2009.

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**By the numbers**

**782**
Witness intimidation charges in 2013

**145**
2014 charges

**2,669**
Charges since 2011

*Source: DA's Office*

Scene of a witness's near-fatal shooting / PPD

## Protesters ask 'Where is the EPA?'

Protestors with the Sierra Club marched to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's offices in Center City to denounce mountaintop-removal coal mining and chemical leaks in West Virginia that led to hundreds of thousands of people without access to potable water.

CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

## Wheeled away. Eight Apple laptops stolen from grade school

An unidentified man slipped into a South Philadelphia elementary school on Monday and snuck out with eight Apple MacBook laptop computers, police said.

Surveillance cameras captured the man — described as black, thin and 5-foot-10 to 6-foot — wheel a suitcase down a hallway and then carry it up to the third floor of Southwark School on South Ninth Street around 5:30 p.m.

He lifted the computers out of a science lab classroom and then loaded them into his suitcase, which he then pulled down a flight of stairs and out a side exit.

After a brief re-entry, the man exited toward the Ninth Street side.

The footage shows the thief dressed in a hat, hooded coat, blue jeans and dark-colored sneakers.

Police ask that anyone with information submit a tip either anonymously by calling 215-686-TIPS (8477) or texting PPD TIP (773847), or by calling South Detectives at 215-686-3013 or 3014. METRO

Bad marks

### Teacher busted for selling heroin

A Philadelphia teacher has been charged with selling heroin within 2 miles of the school where he works.

Narcotics officers allegedly recovered 25 bags of heroin from Northeast Preparatory School's Paul Smith, 35.

Smith taught history at Northeast Prep for about a year. He has been fired and is due back in court next week. METRO

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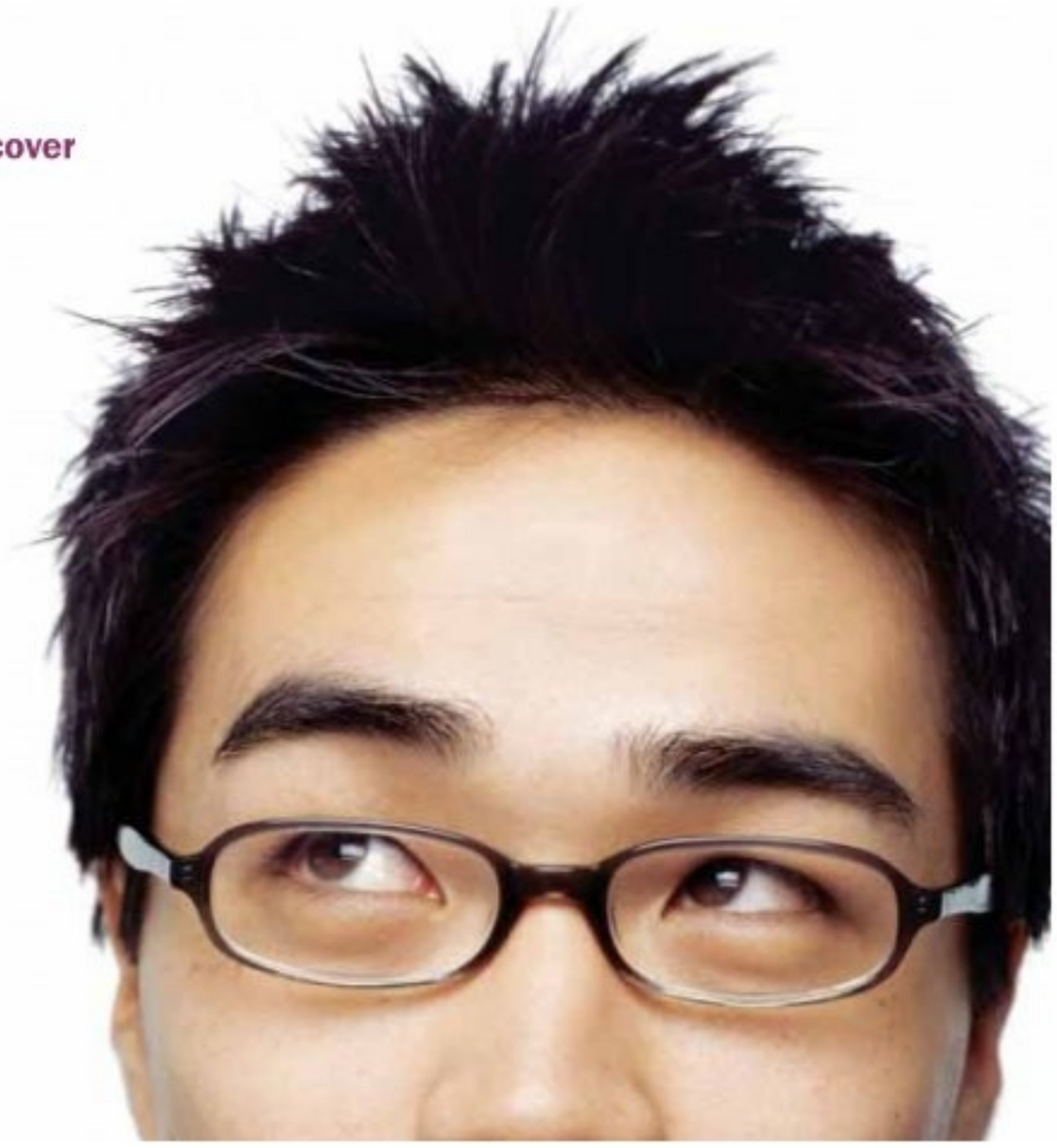

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# Almost sold. School district finds buyers for closed buildings

School district officials announced Wednesday they are in negotiations with four potential buyers for six shuttered former school buildings.

The total value of the properties is about $35 million, according to the district. The net profit for the district after subtracting dues is about $25 million.

Mastery Charter School is attached to Anna Shaw Middle School, at 5400 Warrington Ave. in Southwest Philadelphia.

Philly-based Orens Brothers Real Estate, which developed 2200 Arch St. into condos, bid on Alexander Wilson Elementary School, 1300 S. 46th St., also in Southwest Philadelphia. The firm proposed a mixed use building with retail and residential spaces.

Maritime Academy Charter School wants Stephen Douglas High School, at 2700 E. Huntingdon St. in Port Richmond.

Drexel University and Wexford Science & Technology are jointly eyeing the remainder of the properties: a 14-acre site that includes University City High School, Charles Drew Elementary School and The Walnut Center at 3601 Filbert St. The proposal calls for residential, retail, lab, office and educational spaces. **TOMMY ROWAN**

**Quoted**

**"Once approved, the sale of these facilities will generate one-time funds for the school district and provide the city with opportunities for redevelopment."**

Superintendent William Hite

## Don't pass me by

University of Pennsylvania students pass by an exhibit on The Beatles in the Van Pelt Library ahead of a symposium on the 50th anniversary of the British band's first U.S. appearance. The symposium will be held Feb. 28 to March 1.

CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

# Roundup time. City Controller calls for an audit on art collection

City Controller Alan Butkovitz wants the city to take better care of its art collection.

In his audit of the Office of Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy, he found the city hasn't properly maintained its more than 1,000-piece artwork collection.

He said there are no rules in place — or required to be in place — for the city to loan, relocate, catalogue and find the value of the pieces in its collection.

A review of the collection hasn't been done in decades, he said, and the inventory listing did not offer a location of any individual art piece or its current condition.

"Without an adequate record management system," Butkovitz said, "art pieces could be in jeopardy of theft or loss, or damaged without management's knowledge. **METRO**

**Center City**

## Child, driver injured in SEPTA crash

A SEPTA bus driver, a child and another passenger were injured on Wednesday in a crash in Center City.

All three were taken to Hahnemann University Hospital, but none of the injuries are considered life-threatening, a SEPTA spokeswoman said. The incident is being investigated. **METRO**

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# Ousted. Trenton Mayor Tony Mack ordered to step down

A New Jersey county judge on Wednesday ordered Trenton Mayor Tony Mack to leave office following his conviction on federal corruption charges earlier this month.

A federal jury last month convicted Mack, 48, on all six criminal charges stemming from a 2010 sting operation involving the development of a parking garage on city-owned property.

"The public has a right to expect the highest conduct from public officials," Mercer County judge Mary Jacobson said in court before ordering Mack to immediately step down.

Trenton City Council president George Muschal was sworn in as acting mayor of Trenton on Wednesday afternoon, according to city clerk Richard Kachmar.

During an hourlong hearing, attorneys for Mack, who was convicted on Feb. 7 of bribery, fraud and extortion, argued that the law required the judge to wait until sentencing in May before ordering him to forfeit his office.

Deputy state Attorney General Steven A. Yomtov countered that there was no such legal requirement, and Jacobson concurred. **REUTERS**

**What could happen**

**Mack faces a maximum sentence of 110 years behind bars at sentencing on May 14, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.**

- Muschal's appointment is retroactive to Mack's conviction, which gives him the authority to reverse decisions that Mack has made since his conviction, officials have confirmed.

## City Hall reflects on the winter melt

**A pedestrian walks past a puddle with the reflection of City Hall in Center City on Wednesday. Just as soon as the snow came in, sunny skies melted almost all of it.**

CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

**In custody**

## Suspect in attempted child abduction arrested

Tyrone Ferguson, 36, was taken into police custody Tuesday night and charged with attempted kidnapping, police announced.

Ferguson is suspected in an incident that took place Monday at 8:20 a.m. on the 1000 block of West Venango Street, when an 8-year-old boy and 10-year-old girl were approached by a man who allegedly told the children to "come here" and then grabbed them.

The suspect attempted to drag the boy away by his backpack, and when his sister intervened he grabbed her instead. Police said other children threw stones at the suspect and he fled. **METRO**


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## Survey. Majority of Americans now support gay marriage

Support for gay marriage has surged in the United States in the decade since it first became legal in Massachusetts, with just over half of Americans now supporting the idea, according to a survey released on Wednesday.

The survey on attitudes toward lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people comes as U.S. lawmakers and courts are increasingly allowing same-sex couples to wed.

Some 53 percent of the 4,509 Americans surveyed by the Public Religion Research Institute said they supported gay marriage, up from 32 percent in 2003, when Massachusetts became the first state to legalize it.

PRRI Chief Executive Robert Jones said the poll joined a raft of other surveys showing that a majority of Americans back gay marriage.

The decade-long uptrend marks "a fairly remarkable shift" in attitude, he told a conference call. **REUTERS**

GAY MARRIAGE
GETTY IMAGES

# Obama shows plan to fix nation's crumbling roads, infrastructure

Obama's plan would fill the gap in the Highway Trust Fund and also invest an additional $90 billion in infrastructure projects. / GETTY IMAGES

**GOP.** Boehner said a bailout for the highway fund would likely be out of the question.

President Barack Obama on Wednesday announced a $302 billion plan to fix the nation's crumbling roads and bridges, but the proposal, which relies on tax reform for funding, is not expected to gain traction in Congress.

Congress faces a Sept. 30 deadline to renew federal funding for transportation programs, and the Highway Trust Fund that helps pay for road and bridge projects is teetering on insolvency, making it difficult for state governors to plan projects that typically run through September and into the fall.

"Meeting with the president [Tuesday,] this is one of the issues that was discussed. We've got to find a funding mechanism to fund our infrastructure needs," Boehner said.

"I wish I could report to you that we've found it, but we haven't."

**By the numbers**

**$150B**

Obama's four-year plan relies on revenues raised by ending some tax breaks to free up $150 billion for transportation. That would only happen through corporate tax reform, a political long shot ahead of November midterm elections.

Even Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer, head of the committee that oversees work on the highway bill, said on Wednesday that Obama's plan was not likely to pass Congress.

"I think it's good, but I don't hold out hope for it," Boxer told a conference of state transportation officials in Washington.

But Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx told reporters traveling with Obama that it was important for all sides to start talking about how to avert what he called a transportation funding "cliff."

"There will be voices that say one thing or another can't get done," Foxx said. "I think the most important thing is that the ideas need to be put on the table." **REUTERS**

**Student loans**

## US consumer bureau sues college chain ITT

The consumer watchdog said on Wednesday it has sued ITT Educational Services Inc. for what the agency says are predatory student lending practices that could lead borrowers to default on their loans. The U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau said the Indiana-based for-profit college chain exploited students and pushed them into "high-cost private loans" that leave them strapped with debt.

The agency, in a complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Indianapolis, Ind., said it is seeking restitution for victims, a civil fine and an injunction against the company. **REUTERS**

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# Google ordered to remove anti-Islamic film from YouTube

**Belief.** For many Muslims, any depiction of the prophet is considered blasphemous.

The film depicts the Prophet Mohammed as a fool and a sexual deviant. / YOUTUBE

A U.S. appeals court on Wednesday ordered Google Inc., to remove from its YouTube website an anti-Islamic film that had sparked protests across the Muslim world.

By a 2-1 vote, a panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday rejected Google's assertion that the removal of the film "Innocence of Muslims," amounted to a prior restraint of speech that violated the U.S. Constitution.

The plaintiff, Cindy Lee Garcia, had objected to the film after learning that it incorporated a clip she had made for a different movie, which had been partially dubbed and in which she appeared to be asking: "Is your Mohammed a child molester?"

Cris Armenta, a lawyer for Garcia, said she is delighted with the decision.

The controversial film, billed as a film trailer, sparked a torrent of anti-American unrest among Muslims in Egypt, Libya and other countries in 2012.

That outbreak coincided with an attack on U.S. diplomatic facilities in Benghazi that killed four Americans. REUTERS

**Quoted**

**"Ordering YouTube and Google to take down the film was the right thing to do."**

Armenta said in an email

## Source: Feds investigate Bitcoin businesses

Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara's office is seeking information from businesses dealing in Bitcoin on how some of them handled cyber-attacks that hamstrung several exchanges in recent weeks, a source familiar with the probe said on Wednesday. Subpoenas have been sent to numerous businesses, including Mt. Gox, once the largest Bitcoin exchange, as well as other firms that did business with the company. Prosecutors want to know more about the nature of the cyber-attacks on Mt. Gox and other exchanges and how those exchanges dealt with them. REUTERS / GETTY IMAGES

**Closings**

## Sony to shutter 20 retail stores in the US

Sony Corp.'s electronic unit said on Wednesday it is closing 20 retail stores in the United States and cutting 1,000 jobs, as the TV and game console maker tries to stem losses and regain market share.

Sony has 31 retail stores in the U.S.

The job cuts are part of a previously announced reduction of 5,000 positions globally, or just over 3 percent of its staff, and fall under a much larger reorganization that includes spinning off Sony's TV operations.

"While these moves were extremely tough, they were absolutely necessary to position us in the best possible place for future growth," Mike Fasulo, president and chief operating officer of Sony Electronics, said in a statement. REUTERS


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# CULTURE

**Twitter feed**

**Today, Elizabeth Hurley is worried about how she'll measure up, Albert Brooks is paralyzed by choices and Whitney Cummings doesn't believe you.**

**@ElizabethHurley: Just joined a gym for the first time in 20 years. About to have a fitness assessment. Gulp.**

**@AlbertBrooks: I hope Netflix never opens a restaurant**

**@WhitneyCummings: "I didn't get your text" is the new "my dog ate my homework"**

## Perry and Mayer are no more (apparently)

Katy Perry, wherever you are (read: likely frolicking around your L.A. mansion in a getup only Willy Wonka's fever dreams could have spawned), we hope you're happy. You should be, because you've finally rid yourself, hopefully for good, of that life-sucker named John Mayer.

Though just last week the "Roar" singer was seen sporting some significant bling, sparking rumors of her engagement to Mayer, it seems the notorious womanizer is, well, still just a notorious womanizer. Sources close to the couple told E! Online that Perry broke up with Mayer in the last few days.

A word of advice, Katy: If he ever comes crawling back — maybe he comes across footage of you and Miley Cyrus swapping spit during her "Bangerz" tour and wants in on the action — you just take a deep breath and "Roar" right in his face. Let him know that "Who You Love" is not John "Date-and-Dash" Mayer. Also, don't write a sad breakup song about him. The only thing the world needs less than another song by John Mayer is another song about John Mayer.

KASIA PILAT

## The Muppets take on Instagram

Although it's just a clever (and cute) marketing campaign for their new movie, "Muppets Most Wanted," we're still in love with all of the "selfies" the Muppets are posting on their Instagram account. This one, by Dr. Bunsen Honeydew, came with the caption "#Selfies are scientifically proven to boost health and happiness!" Er, especially those posted by Kim Kardashian.

## Cha-cha-cha changes for Kate Hudson

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Kate Hudson and Naomi Watts smile on Tuesday in California.

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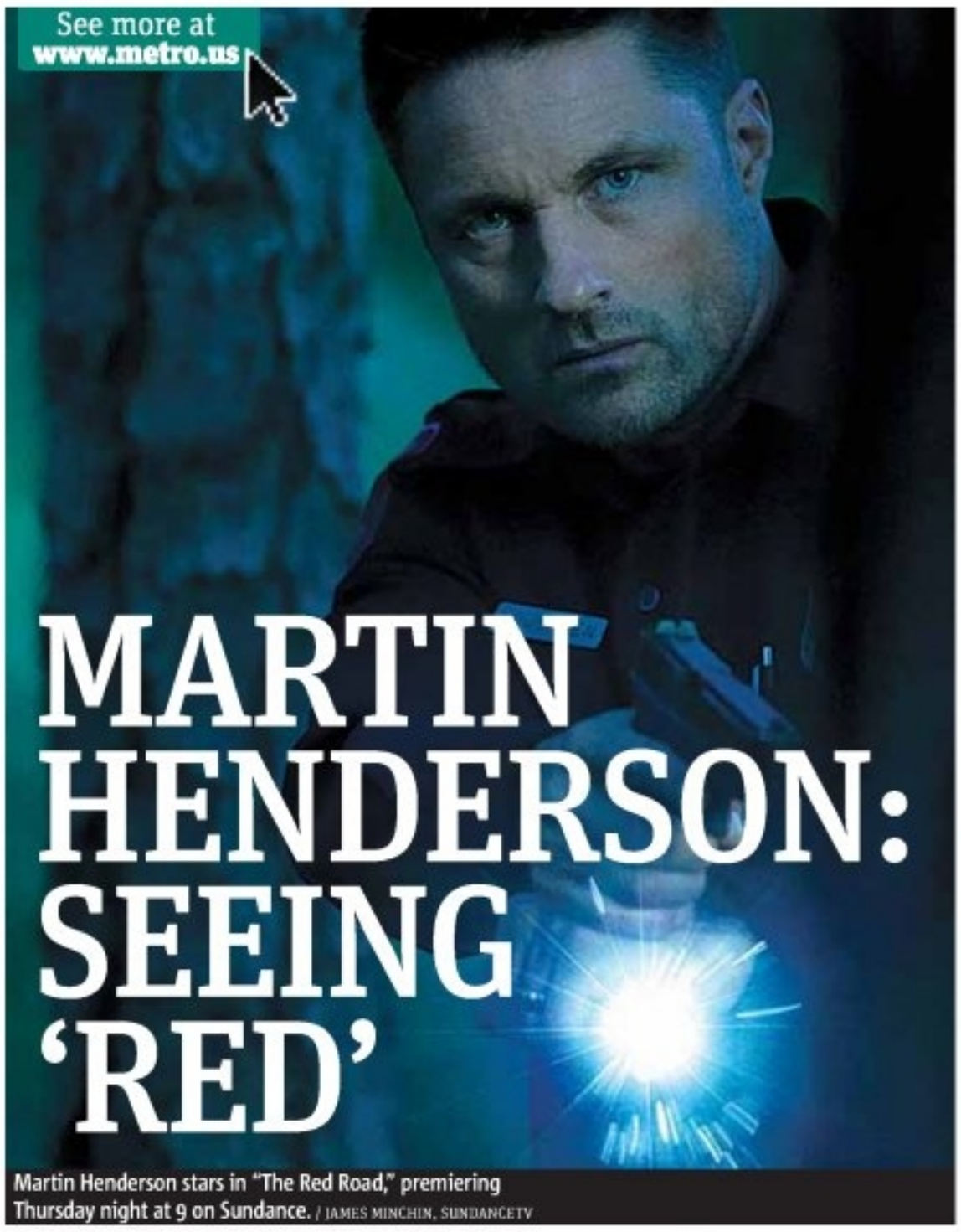
Kate Hudson? Is that you? The actress looked a bit — um, how do I put this delicately? — "facially stretched" in West Hollywood on Tuesday night at the Bvlgari "Decades of Glamour" Oscar party (the blond next to her is, of course, Naomi Watts). Hudson is currently battling breakup rumors with fiance Matt Bellamy, with whom she has a son. "Matt is pretty down-to-earth and happy in England, while Kate is very L.A.-focused," a source recently told the New York Daily News. "They are leading separate lives. It hasn't been working out the way they planned and they've been trying very hard for the sake of their son." While a rep for the 34-year-old daughter of Goldie Hawn denies the rumors of trouble, she and Bellamy have not been spotted together in months.




# MARTIN HENDERSON: SEEING 'RED'

Martin Henderson stars in "The Red Road," premiering Thursday night at 9 on Sundance. / JAMES MINCHIN, SUNDANCETV

**Drama.** The actor jumps to TV for the Sundance series "The Red Road."

Martin Henderson calls us from northern Italy to chat about his new Sundance drama "The Red Road" — a far cry from the dark and moody New Jersey setting where the show takes place.

The New Zealand-born actor stars as Harold Jensen, a police officer in the fictional town of Walpole, N.J., where there's a cultural clash taking place between the indigenous Lenape tribe members and the town's white residents. A local college student's disappearance sets into motion a story of secrets, lies and questionable allegiances.

Henderson says that now's an "exciting time" to be joining a TV show, especially one on cable.

"You can develop these characters that people really love," he says. "You can follow them on their journey and see what's going to happen to them in a myriad of different situations that you couldn't explore in a film."

Sundance has gained critical acclaim with original series like "Top of the Lake" and "Rectify." Henderson says he hadn't yet seen "Rectify" when he got the pilot script for "The Red Road," but that signing on was "a no-brainer."

"I read it and it had a unique voice," he says. "It [has a] very haunting series-quality to it."

The actor also was drawn to the fact that his character is a real person with flaws.

"I can't say that I'm playing the good or the bad guy. I play a man with faults and who has secrets he wants and needs to protect. … He's juggling two, three or four balls in the air and it's interesting to see if it's all going to come tumbling down."

Henderson is coy when we ask him more about how his character's actions are going to play out.

"[Showrunner Aaron Guzikowski] is leaving the characters on the opposite end of where they began. … It's left very open-ended. By the end of the season you're not really sure who is who."

**I know that guy**

## Where else you've seen Henderson

**Opposite Naomi Watts in "The Ring":** The actor still gets recognized for his role in the 2002 scary movie.

"Among horror fans, this film is really popular. I'm really proud of it. It's one of the first movies I made in America."

**As Britney Spears' love interest in her "Toxic" music video:** Maybe he'll catch her show in Vegas?

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# FOREST WHITAKER

The Oscar-winning actor talks about playing unhinged and torturing other actors in "Repentance."

# LETTING LOOSE

In "Repentance," Forest Whitaker plays a tormented, mentally unhinged man who goes off his meds and follows the instructions of a psychic and the specter of his dead mother to track down the man responsible for her death. As if that wasn't a tall enough order, the Oscar winner was also being directed by Philippe Caland, who played the same role in an earlier, smaller version of the film. No pressure, right?

**How was the experience of being directed by someone who previously played the same role you're playing?**
I thought it was one of his better performances, too. He was really good in it. I didn't really think about it much, to be honest. [It was more about the effort] to create the structure around it and to be there for him as a friend and as an artist and as a producer in what's really a much more constrained environment, much different than the films he's done in the past — and actually a larger budget than the films he's done in the past.

**How is it, as an actor, performing scenes opposite people who are all tied up?**
It was wild doing that scene. Especially with Anthony [Mackie] too, because he went through a lot. Being tied up, being wrapped up, being suffocated, having water thrown all over him — it was a strange experience. I actually kind of surrendered to it, so I lived in it. I just kind of lived in the reality of the fact that I tied these people up, you know what I mean? I needed him to answer me, so I used violence. I tortured him.

**How much do you worry about maintaining audience sympathy?**
You start questioning yourself, right? I think you do care about him because his motivation is that he loves his mom, who he lost. His mom was taken away and it was wrong. And he really cares about his wife — you see how desperately he wants to be with her — and he's taking care of this little girl. You can't help but care about him, because those are human things, you know? But I think as it goes on you do have to ask the question: Is violence OK? And I think ultimately, no matter what his motivations were, the acts that he did are wrong. You could find sympathy, hopefully, with this man who is struggling with his own sanity, who lost his mom, wishes his wife would forgive him. But in the end that question comes to bear: Is violence OK? And I say, "No."

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**Another view**

## The other side

**Do you view this in any way as a supernatural film?**
I do. I don't necessarily believe that him seeing his mom is not true. I think certainly playing the character I had to believe it was true. Certainly as an actor it's real. You know, you'd say, "Oh, this man is mad" any other time in his life other than now.

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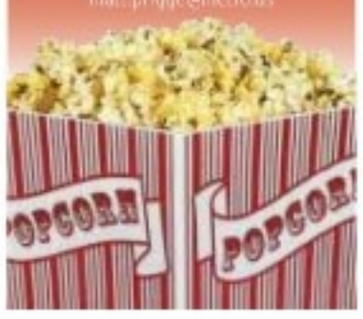

**What you'll see**

## 'Non-Stop'

**1** Charles Bronson was still making "Death Wish" pictures at 73, so Liam Neeson still has another 12 years to make movies like "Non-Stop." Or he could do some prestige films. This time he's an alkie air marshal who finds there's a killer on his latest flight.

Look! Before "12 Years a Slave" came out, Oscar nominee Lupita Nyong'o filmed a tiny role in "Non-Stop." / MYLES ARONOWITZ

**2 'Son of God'**
Lots and lots of people watched the miniseries "The Bible," so hopefully they won't mind shelling out cash to watch the Jesus part of it, only now with what we're promised is extra footage.

**3 'Stalingrad'**
If you liked watching the destruction of a town-city in "Pompeii," you'll love this recreation of the WWII battle, in which the Soviets squared off against the Nazis — a bloody tussle rendered in IMAX 3-D with lots of arterial spray squirting at your face.

**4 'The Wind Rises'**
Legendary Japanese animator Hayao Miyazaki ("My Neighbor Totoro," "Spirited Away") once claimed this study of a man who designed WWII fighter planes was his retirement film. Then he said he wasn't retiring. We're not sure whether he means it, but you should still see this.

**5 'Tim's Vermeer'**
Penn and Teller barely appear in this documentary they made, which is focused entirely on one Tim Jenison, a billionaire inventor who tries to recreate a Johannes Vermeer painting using a technique the artist may himself have used.

**6 'Repentance'**
An all-star cast headlines this horror-thriller about a "spiritual adviser" (Anthony Mackie) kidnapped by a troubled man (Forest Whitaker).

**7 'The Rocket'**
In this drama, a young boy in Asia decides to further prove his worth by entering a most unusual competition: a festival dedicated to the building of rockets.

**7 '3 Days to Kill'**
Kevin Costner used to be the biggest star in the world. After ages doing ace supporting work, he's starring in everything this year, starting with this action-drama about a dying assassin trying to reconnect with his daughter (Hailee Steinfeld).

**8 'Pompeii'**
Spoiler: Mount Vesuvius erupts and wipes out everyone on the island of Pompeii. Before that happens, there's some Roman intrigue to be had, some of it involving a "Gladiator" knockoff starring a "Game of Thrones" stud.

**9 'The Lego Movie'**
If the idea of a movie based on the plastic toy blocks seems inexplicable, at least someone was passionate enough to hire talented "21 Jump Street" guys Phil Lord and Chris Miller to do it.

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# Taking down an ego 'Ten Stories' high

Visit us online for more with Aaron Weiss. / AMIE SANTAVICCA

## Going off the rails.

MewithoutYou singer discusses overcoming an "intoxicating sense of self-importance."

Listening to the sprawling, almost haphazard indie rock of mewithoutYou's "Ten Stories," one might not expect that the man behind those volumes of lyrics to be so mindful and understated. That is exactly what we encounter with the gentle-toned Aaron Weiss though, as he reflects on the Philadelphia quintet's latest record and what could have been if he had never played music.

"I don't know what my life would have been like if I had never done this," Weiss muses. "In some ways, being in a band has probably done me more harm than good. For a long time, it filled me with an intoxicating sense of self-importance. In a sense, the more pride you have the less you are aware of it."

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**"The nights when we have people up on stage, hugging each other, singing into the microphone, knocking things over, those are some of my favorite shows."**
Weiss

Set to a sprawling array of guitar-heavy epics sprinkled with folk instrumentation, "Ten Stories" tells the tale of a circus train that crashed in Montana in the 1880s and the animals and performers caught in the aftermath. Weiss uses the backdrop of the crash to explore the choices that we make and our ability to exercise free will. Of particular interest is a tiger freed from a cage that chooses not to leave.

On one level, the synopsis sounds hifalutin, but in the hands of Weiss, the metaphors tackled here usher in a timeless depth.

"We are always talking about how we are chained to a job or chained to a marriage or chained to an ideology," he says.

"I wonder if actually having a set of rules to abide [by], whether it is within a religious context or some other philosophical context, actually gives us the ability to find a deeper freedom within."

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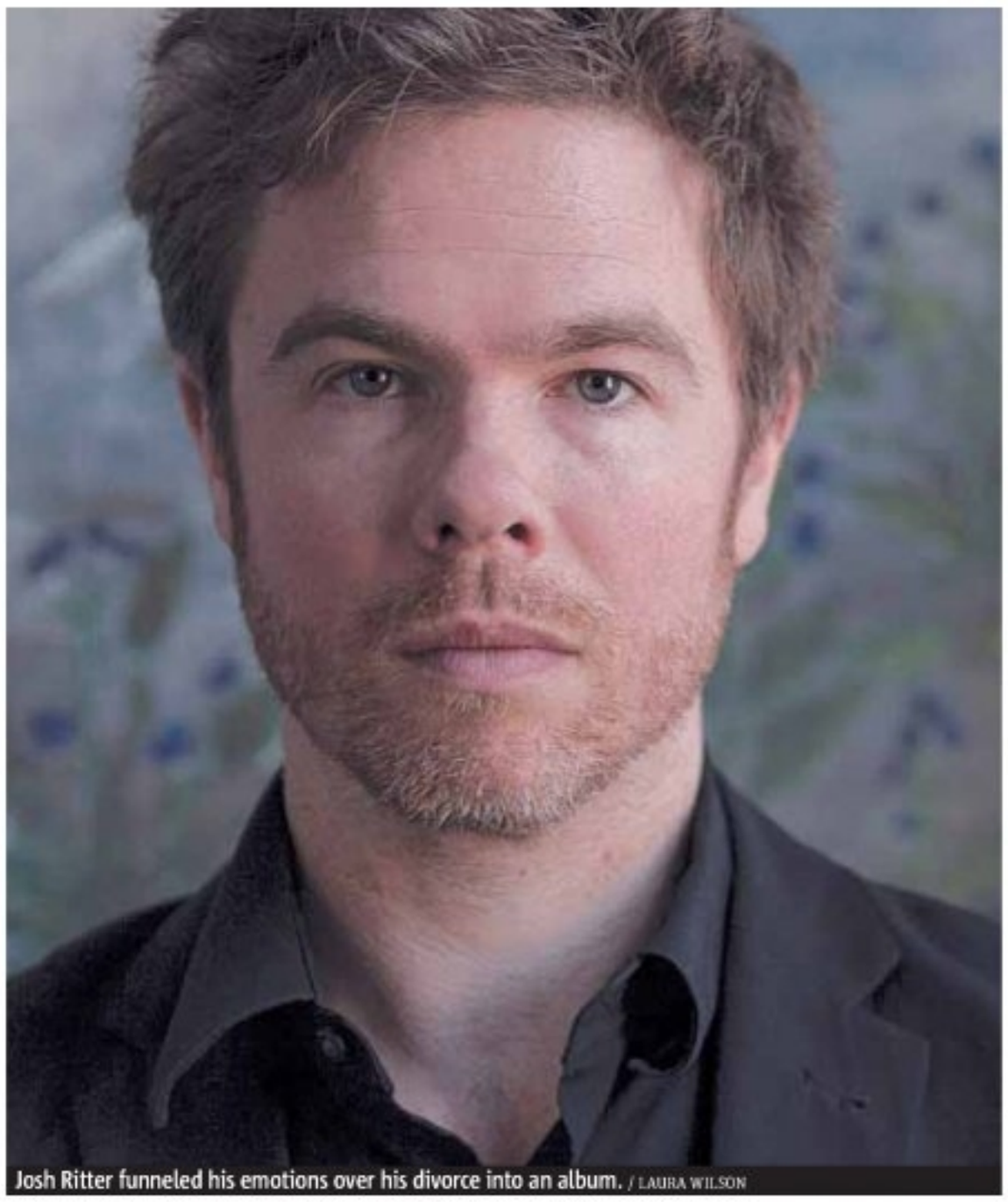
**Tangled up in blue.**
Songwriter Josh Ritter gives us his version of the great American breakup album.


Josh Ritter funneled his emotions over his divorce into an album. / LAURA WILSON

# Taming 'the beast'

Nobody likes a breakup, but for some artists it's difficult to resist jumping at the chance to write that one great breakup album. Idahoan songwriter Josh Ritter tackled the subject of his recent divorce head-on in his most recent album, last year's "The Beast in Its Tracks."

Musicians from Fleetwood Mac and Beck to Alanis Morissette and Bon Iver have given the world their unique takes on heartbreak, and Ritter wanted his to be just as poignant. He wanted to be fair and stay restrained in his sentiments, he wanted to do it for himself and, perhaps most of all, he wanted to get over it quickly.

"You find this thing that is bothering you, this emotion, and you catch it like this special moth and [don't] have to think about it anymore," says the singer from the road in Chicago.

The results of working quickly through the pain are evident. Once Ritter did have that proverbial moth in the jar, he set to work recording a collection of songs that sound remarkably fresh and light, considering their potentially heavy subject matter.

"I wanted things to be small because I didn't think the songs could hold a lot of instrumentation," says Ritter. "I felt like these were simple songs, and if you added anything to them they would be cheesy."

For Ritter, keeping things simple brought magnificent results.

"Evil Eye" augments simple country-folk instrumentation with percussion that sounds like it was tapped out on a card table. Later in "Appleblossom Rag," it sounds like someone is doing the dishes in the background.

By sucking you in and making you feel like you're in the room, Ritter sets up a one-two punch: It's easy to jump in and focus on his poetic explorations of stepping into new love while still wrapping up all of the old baggage.

"Being in the recording studio, the temptation is there to add too much stuff," says the singer of his modus operandi.

"Sometimes I think it really gets in the way of true emotion."

From the obvious riffing in the album title to the brisk phrasing and familiar chord changes of "New Lover" (which echoes "You're Gonna Make Me Lonesome When You Go"), it's not much of a stretch to see how Ritter's "Beast in Its Tracks" mimics Bob Dylan's 1975 epochal breakup album, "Blood on the Tracks."

Dylan's album is like the Old Testament among folkies, and Ritter readily admits that it was on his mind.

"I didn't have much that I was happy about at the time," he recounts of his breakup period. Aside from being up and down emotionally, the singer also felt inspired by Dylan's ability to follow the stream of emotions that come with writing through heartbreak.

"It gave me a chance to put that album to the test," he says.

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Ritter, on his approach to recording in the studio

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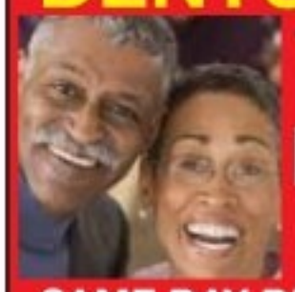
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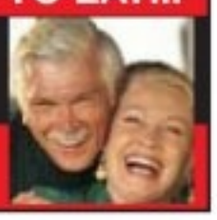
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Leyland on the NYC circuit

## Which was your favorite NY show?

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# High heels and expensive furs

**In her shoes.** "It" girl Chelsea Leyland gives us an up-close look at Fashion Month.

Imagine spinning your favorite tracks for a living, calling New York and London home and counting Anna Wintour's jewelry designer as one of your nearest and dearest. For DJ Chelsea Leyland, that's life — working the Fashion Month show circuit, scoring enviable front-row seats and partying with the best. We caught up with the British-raised New Yorker who told us all about life in the fast (and well-dressed) lane.

**How did you tackle the "polar vortex" weather?**
It was challenging. I was lucky enough to have a car because otherwise I would have needed shoes and snow boots at the ready. It was funny though, my friends can't believe it when I tell them there were people walking into shows in their nice designer heels after jumping over big heaps of snow. It definitely made it a fun one.

**As you're traveling, do you have to strategically plan your Fashion Week outfits in advance?**
Not really. I seriously don't know how those people plan their looks to a tee. I tend to wear a piece of clothing that's from the designer who's showing. I do get a lot of nice clothes gifted and I pull clothes from PR showrooms, as well as doing a bit of shopping before Fashion Month.

**How do you keep track?**
I put up a big rail in my apartment and work from that. My house at the moment looks like some kind of shopping outlet. There are garment bags, hangers and clothes everywhere. It's my cat's idea of heaven — he likes to think it's a climbing frame.

**Gosh, don't tell the publicists that.**
Especially all these furs that I've had to sign waivers for! They're so expensive that they make you sign something in case you lose or ruin them.

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## Trending. Long live the '60s

The '60s were an exceptional era for fashion: We finally got over our objection to exposed knees, PVC became a wardrobe regular and the Beatles inspired men to wear Cuban-heeled boots. So naturally, it's a decade that is often looked back on through glasses that need no rose tinting. From New York to Milan, it seems everyone is feeling nostalgic this season and channeling the spirit of Mary Quant.

You've got swinging A-line dresses and shifts, dusted with Austin Powers-style decadence at DSquared2; Julie Christie doppelgangers in jewel-toned miniskirts and lace-up go-go boots at Versace; and Jean Shrimpton look-alikes at Gucci, dressed in peacoats and a multitude of shaggy and silky furs.

Those furs also popped up at Topshop Unique (as well as at Eudon Choi) in a retro spectrum of browns. Elsewhere, nostalgia filled the air at Burberry, with wafting bohemian dresses reminiscent of the '70s. Prada showed a similarly modish side of the era with its array of geometric patterns in royal purples and grassy greens. No doubt we'll be seeing quite a few groovy gals on the street come fall.

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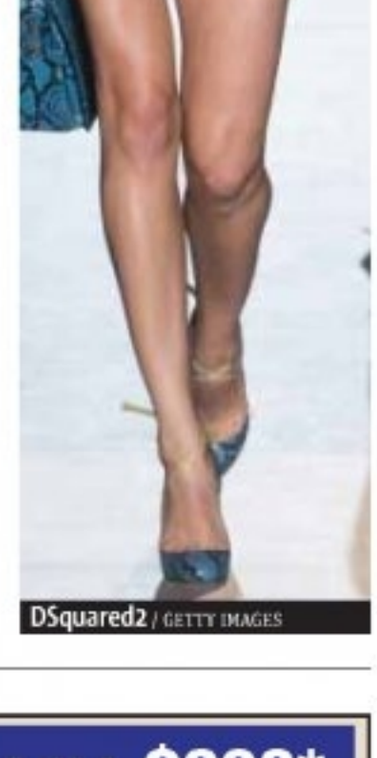

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**The question**

*I'm writing because I am unhappy with my sexual relationship with my girlfriend of more than two years. I care for her deeply and am very attracted to her. I am concerned that she doesn't really want to have sex much at all. We recently went three weeks without having sex and, when I mentioned this, she insisted it hadn't been that long. She's also extremely fussy and only seems to like it when it is gentle. On top of this, I have never seen her masturbate in our two years. Not once. Though she tells me she does this in private, I have asked, nicely, repeatedly, to be included in this as I include her in mine. But she says that it's private and that "not everyone can do what you can do," meaning masturbate in front of their partner. I've tried to talk about these issues with her many times. Regarding the amount of sex we have, she claims men just want it more and a relationship isn't about "nookie on demand." I agree with her, to a point. But I think something deeper is going on here and I don't know what to do about it. Any advice or thoughts you have would be welcome.*

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Your irritation is justified: She's your girlfriend. Shouldn't regular sex be part of the deal? Here's the hard part, my love. Her frustration is equally warranted. She has shared a truth that may be hard for you to accept: Her sexual desire isn't as strong or kinky as you would like it to be.

Libidos are the result of individualized biological, physiological and social factors as well as personal preferences. While an exact match isn't required for a healthy relationship, it can be wearying to share a mattress with an ill-fitted counterpart. Don't be discouraged.

## Manage your expectations

Sex aside, it sounds like you both enjoy and want to remain in the relationship. We often have unrealistic expectations when it comes to sex. If all else is in check, try...

## Bring her off the sidelines

So your girlfriend isn't "nookie on demand." Fine. That doesn't mean she isn't interested in you sexually. You mentioned she watches you at play. Great! If you're comfortable doing so, ask her to help you out. Remember: Desire doesn't have to include penetration.

## Warm her up

Be reeeaaaally good to her — even more than you're undoubtedly being now. Massages. Gifts. Time. Whatever she likes. Don't do anything with ulterior motives. If you do she will likely sniff that out and get mad because she's already told you to take it easy. The point is to warm her up so that she'll initiate sex when she's ready.

If neither of you can agree to a workable solution, remember: People have broken up over less.

Is he too eager, or is she just bored? / STOCKBYTE

No, seriously.

## Sleep with someone else

Hold up — I am not advocating cheating on your partner. Books like "Sex at Dawn," and "Opening Up: A Guide to Creating and Sustaining Open Relationships" offer advice for couples interested in exploring non-monogamy. If you agree you're compatible outside the bedroom but not inside, consider having a frank, adult talk about exploring wider options if necessary.


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Cocktail

## *What the stars are drinking on Oscar night*

**After the Academy Awards are handed out, the celebs will head to this year's Governor's Ball to party the night away (after all, the Oscars only end around 8 p.m. L.A. time). They'll drink this Ciroc cocktail, which you can make for your own guests at home. It's calorie-conscious, which is sure to please all those stars who are triple-Spanxing it on the red carpet.**

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**(127 calories)**

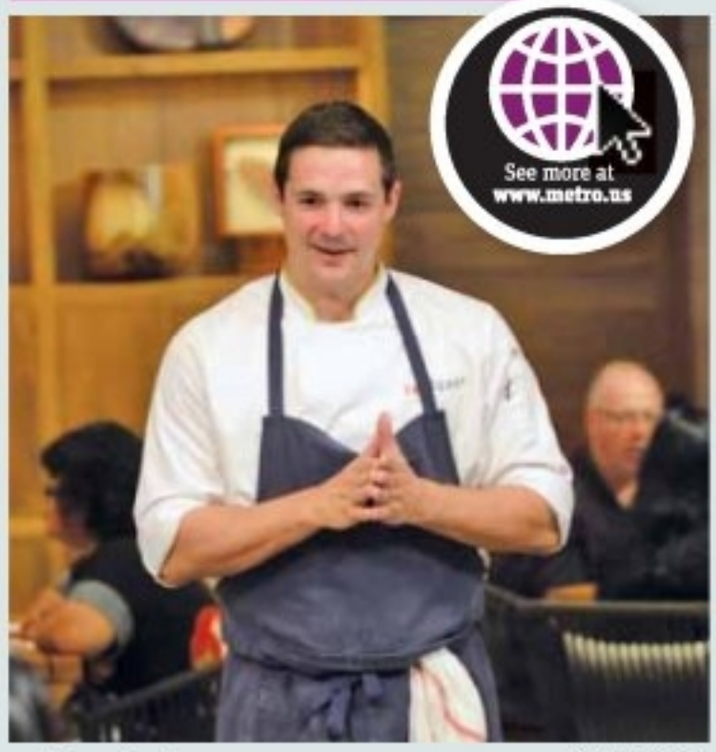
**1.5 oz. unsweetened coconut water**
**1.5 oz. CÎROC Coconut**
**1 oz. pineapple juice**
**.25 oz. fresh lime juice**

**Combine all ingredients in martini shaker with ice. Shake and strain into coupe glass. Garnish with lemon twist.**

# Top chefs talk James Beard nominations

Last week the prestigious James Beard Foundation announced the semifinalist nominations for this year's Restaurant and Chef Awards. We spoke with a few of the locals on the list to see how they found out — and how they celebrated. The finalists will be announced March 18 and winners revealed May 5. **JULIA WEST**

**Nominated for: Best New Restaurant**

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## Nick Elmi

***Elmi, the most recent "Top Chef" winner, owns Laurel. (1617 E. Passyunk Ave.).***

**How did you learn you were nominated?**
Someone tweeted me congratulations. I didn't believe it. I didn't think we'd be close.

**Did you celebrate when you heard?**
We had to do Philly Cooks that night, but we had fun at the event. We were high-fiving everyone.

**Nominated for: Outstanding Restaurateur**

JASON VARNEY

## Valerie Safran and Marcie Turney

***The duo owns several Center City restaurants. We spoke with Safran.***

**How does it feel to be nominated?**
We're totally honored. There is so much involved in running restaurants to make them successful as a restaurant and a business. To be in the same category as Stephen Starr is just crazy.

**Any insider tips on being a successful restaurateur?**
Work your butt off, listen to your customers whether you like it or not, be a role model to your employees and watch every dollar that goes out your door.

**Nominated for: Rising Star Chef of the Year**

## Ben Puchowitz

***Cheu Noodle Bar (255 S. 10th St.)***

**How did you learn you were nominated?**
I woke up on Wednesday morning and my Twitter feed was filled with congratulations. I had no idea the Beard nominees were being announced, nor did I expect to be on any list.

**How does it feel to be nominated?**
It means a lot to me. The Beard Foundation is a big deal. To be recognized by them as a Rising Star Chef means that we're doing something right. Restaurants, and especially chefs, need that reassurance every now and again.

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**Nominated for: Best Mid-Atlantic Chef**

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## Joe Cicala

***Le Virtu (1927 E. Passyunk Ave.)***

**How does it feel to be nominated?**
It's always a tremendous honor to be nominated for an award of this magnitude. Not just for me, personally, but for the Avenue [East Passyunk]. There are so many great chefs and restaurants down here doing amazing things with food.

**Did you celebrate?**
We cracked open a sparkling white wine. I toasted my co-workers and thanked them for putting in the long hours.

**Nominated for: Outstanding Pastry Chef**

## Kate Jacoby

***Vedge (1221 Locust St.)***

**What's your best, James Beard-worthy dessert?**
Sweet potato arancini, with basil-lime sorbet, halva cream, pho-spiced orange supremes. I love the use of sweet potato and savory/umami-rich flavors.

**How did you learn you were nominated?**
Twitter. We were at a meeting and Rich [Landau, her husband, Vedge co-owner and fellow nominee] showed me a Twitter mention congratulating me. Rich was beaming. I smiled, but then quickly wondered out loud, "What about you?" A moment later, he showed me his phone again, this time telling me about his nomination.

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**Nominated for: Best Mid-Atlantic Chef**

## Rich Landau

***Vedge (1221 Locust St.)***

**What's your best, James Beard-worthy dish?**
Eggplant braciole. It's smoked eggplant wrapped in eggplant. I get inspired by doing the unexpected.

**How does it feel to be nominated?**
I'm honored. I don't even care as much about winning, I'm just simply thrilled to be recognized for what we do.

# Kevin D'Egidio fights the snow for Stateside

**Hot chef.** See what he's working with this winter during the final days of East Passyunk Restaurant Week.

Kevin D'Egidio is cooking at Stateside (1536 E. Passyunk Ave.).
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Just before the start of East Passyunk Restaurant Week, when the city was getting pounded with snow, we spoke with chef Kevin D'Egidio of Stateside. At the time he was in the Italian Market, grabbing ingredients (because a delivery truck couldn't make it) for a last-minute snow day menu. D'Egidio's résumé includes Lacroix, Will BYOB, Tangerine and The Pass in New Jersey. If you want to try his food at Stateside at a discount, you still have a couple of days before Restaurant Week is over.

**How are things at Stateside? You've been there officially since December, right?**
I was helping out in the spring, and I was at Will [BYOB] for a while. I was helping out friends — working over at Rittenhouse Tavern with Nick [Elmi, most recent "Top Chef" winner], and I'd work at Ela to help Jason [Cichonski]. Then Elijah [Milligan] started at Stateside and needed some help. So nights that I wasn't working in Jersey, I'd go back and forth between the two. Now that I'm doing just Stateside, things have calmed down a little. I'm lucky to have two friends working with me. We're all starting to get in the groove and work harmoniously. It's nice knowing that on my day off they got it, and my stress level goes down.

**How do you feel about this Open in PHL hashtag on Twitter? Should restaurants and bars stay open when it's snowing like crazy?**
It's hard to say. You see it from two perspectives sometimes. I live in Fishtown, and most people who work up there tend to live in that vicinity. It's harder when you have restaurants where people are coming from all over to get to work. Maybe it's not the safest, but it depends on what each bar is like. If you've got people in the area who want to work, then do it.

**If you didn't have to work, where would we find you?**
I like to go to Loco Pez and Memphis Taproom. I go there to hang out if it's snowing and I'm off.

JULIA WEST
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'One last chance'

## Restaurant Week

**Do you like Restaurant Week?**
Actually, I do. Maybe in the past I didn't like it so much because I didn't have much say in the menus, but this one is fun. Any time you can change the menu up it's good, and it always makes you work a little harder. This is one last chance to use winter veggies. When it ends, we're just looking forward to spring.

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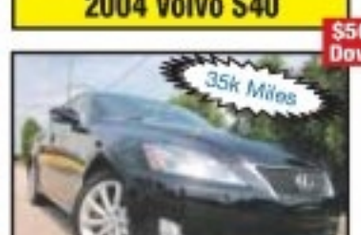

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Taste and compare cognac while taking in the wondrous arts of the Barnes. Enjoy the tasting from 6:30-8 p.m., and have exclusive access of the gallery until 9 p.m.

## Crowd Control at PhilaMOCA

**Friday, 7:30-11:30 p.m.**
**Philadelphia Mausoleum of Contemporary Art, 531 N. 12th St., $5-$10 donation, 267-519-9651, www.philamoca.org**
Friday is the opening night for this exhibit on DIY Philly's show photography. Shot by five local photographers, the photos focus on the crowd, rather than the band on stage. The event will be curated by local photographer and WKDU DJ Yoni Kroll and feature a live performance by two local bands, Pushin in 2 the Limit and American Spiritual.

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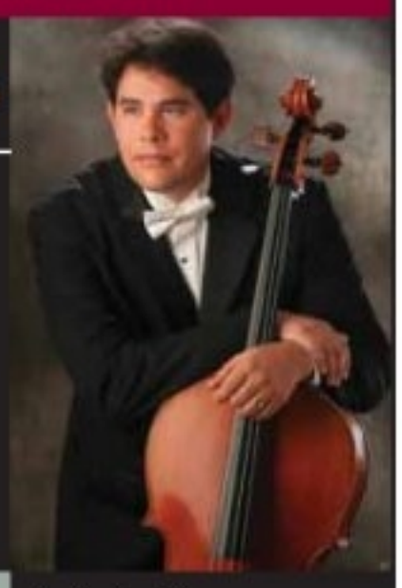

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MARDI GRAS

## Mummers

**Saturday, 3-9 p.m.**
**Piazza at Schmidts, 1001 N. 2nd St., $15-$75, 215-642-8656**
**www.mummersmardigras.com**
Jacky Bam Bam of 93.3 WMMR hosts this party with hopes of getting Philly on the map for Mardi Gras, featuring music by Quaker String Band, South Philadelphia String Band Inc. and many others. Expect the usual Mummers glitz, with costumes, stilts and over-the-top performances.

COMEDY

## Adam Ferrara

**Thursday, Friday and Saturday**
**Helium Comedy Club, 2031 Sansom St.**
**$18-$27, 215-496-9001**
**www.heliumcomedy.com**
Adam Ferrara is stopping in Philly this weekend for a few shows. He is best known for his roles in TV shows, "Top Gear" and "Rescue Me," as well as appearances on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "The Late Show with David Letterman" and "The Opie and Anthony Show." Ferrara also has been nominated twice by the American Comedy Awards for best male stand-up.

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## That 1 guy & The Magic Pipe

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**Thursday, 10 p.m.**
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**♈ Aries | March 21-April 20.** You will become involved in an interesting new relationship. Unusual rewards will come your way as a result of offering your services to a worthy cause.

**♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21.** By concentrating on love and the fun things in life, you will feel good about your future. Don't let negative people drag you down.

**♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20.** Opportunities are coming your way. Indecisiveness will end up being costly. Relentless pursuit of your goals will get results.

**♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22.** You will make substantial progress if you listen to advice given to you. With the relevant information, you will be able to take control.

**♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.** Money matters will weigh heavily on your mind. Pay off debts and remind others of what they owe you. You will relax once you have a clean slate.

**♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** By making some inexpensive and simple changes around the home, you can reduce your stress and calm your nerves.

**♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22.** Don't feel as if life is passing you by. Find an activity that motivates you to participate. Being active will renew your energy.

**♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21.** Someone may be withholding information. Ask direct questions that will reveal hidden secrets. Once that is determined, an answer will be found.

**♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21.** Attend meetings or social gatherings conducive to learning valuable information about something you aspire to.

**♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20.** Positive changes lie ahead. Discuss your future and your dreams with your loved ones. Now is the time to seal contracts.

**♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18.** You will be overwhelmed by the tasks expected of you. Discipline and courage will help you live up to your obligations.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Letters

### *Even if we didn't start the fire, there's still a fire*

**Re: 'Global warming is a laughing matter' (Metro, Feb. 26)** Letter writer Kevin Metz does an excellent job of parroting the self-serving wishful thinking the fossil fuel energy industries seem to be selling.

To illustrate their logic, imagine being a neighbor of Mr. Metz, and you notice his home is on fire. Being concerned, you alert him, "Mr. Metz, your home is on fire!"

Mr. Metz: "No, it is not."

Neighbor: "Yes it is. Look at the smoke and flames."

Mr. Metz: "Well, maybe, but it's not my fault."

Neighbor: "Regardless, we should call the fire department."

Mr. Metz: "That would be a waste of public resources, especially since I am sure it won't be that bad."

Neighbor: "But the fire could spread through the neighborhood if we don't call 911 soon!"

Mr. Metz: "Your hysteria makes me laugh."

MARK MACMILLAN, VIA EMAIL

### *Time to say 'so long, Kabul'*

Come on, people! Come on, voters all across America who still have little bit of influence over our elected officials! Isn't it time to demand we leave the nation that Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary Colin Powell and friends said we should enter several months after Sept. 11 — Afghanistan — to combat terrorism? My God! It has been 13 years.

MICHAEL RAGSDALE, VIA EMAIL

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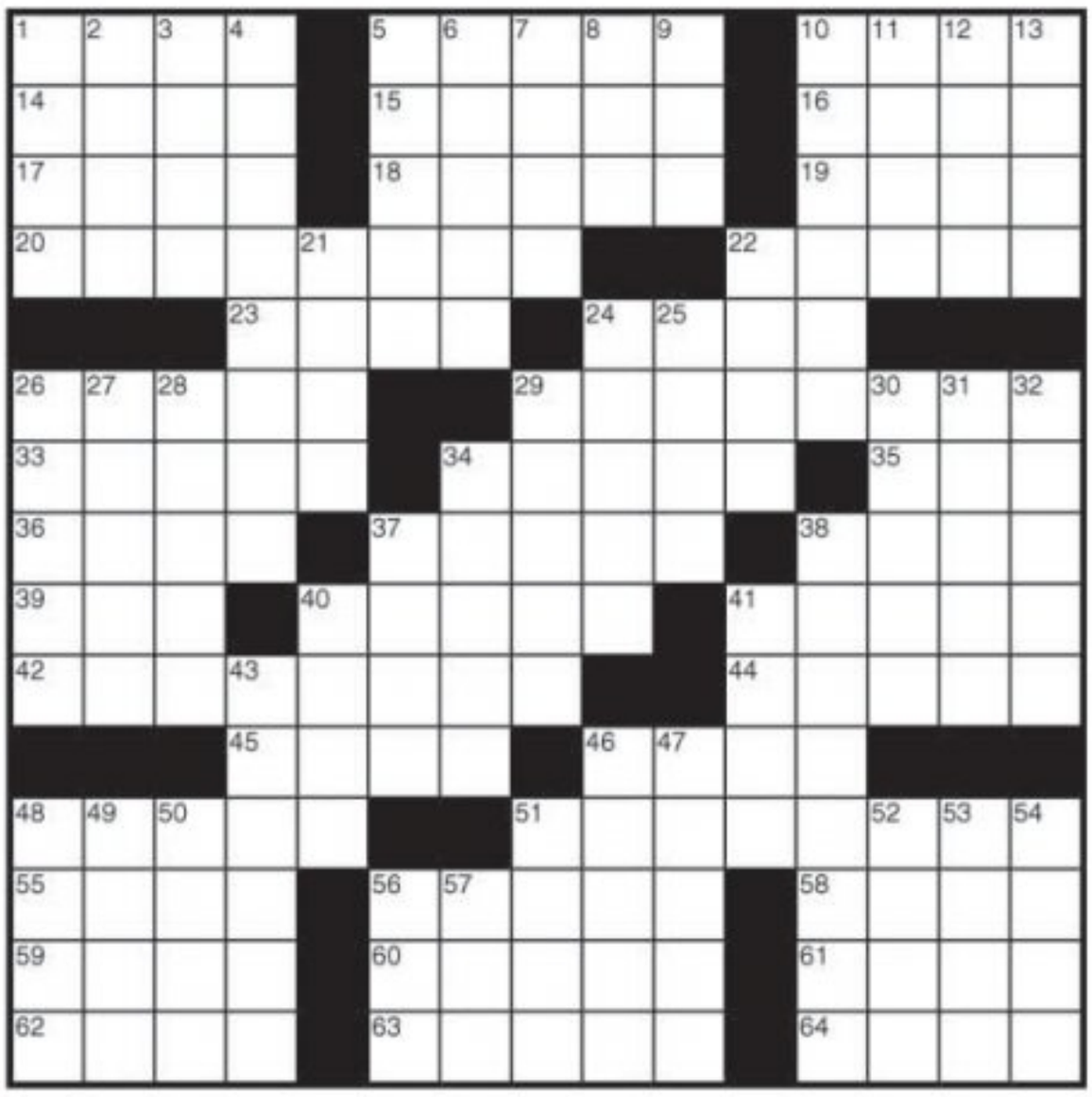

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Checking center

**Sean Couturier**

Now, two and a half seasons since he made the club straight out of juniors, Couturier continues to excel as a checking center who can shut down the big guns. Valuable as that is, the Flyers thought they'd get more than that from a player who had consecutive 96-point seasons in juniors. But with just 26 career goals and 70 points in 182 games, it looks like what you've seen so far from Couturier will be what you get.

# Flyers players to watch as stretch run arrives

After the Olympic break interrupted their best hockey of the year, the Flyers hope to keep it up against San Jose Thursday.

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It goes without saying than spurned Olympian Claude Giroux, goaltending salvation Steve Mason and top guns Wayne Simmonds, Jake Voracek and Scott Hartnell will be the keys to the Flyers' success — or should they fail to deliver, failure.

And it likely won't hurt their cause that among the Flyers' five Olympians, only bronze medalist Kimmo Timonen of Finland was fully extended in Sochi. Here are some under-the-radar Flyers to watch down the stretch.

## Braydon Coburn

The leader in seniority — at only 28 years old — Coburn's played erratically on the blue line. However, he has the speed and guile to be an effective defenseman who can clear the crease and move the puck. This has been Coburn's poorest season in a while, but there's still time to turn that around.

BRAYDON COBURN LEADS THE FLYERS DEFENSE.
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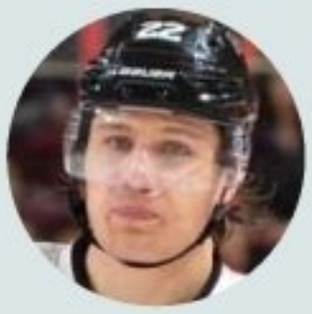
## Vincent Lecavalier

Hard to imagine lumping a career 395-goal scorer into this category, but it's been a strange season for the Flyers' prize free agent acquisition. For years an All-Star center in Tampa Bay, he's been forced to reinvent himself here, now shifted to left wing. Plagued by injuries, it's been a struggle to this point, with Vinny netting only 12 goals and 23 points. Perhaps the time off will finally enable the Lecavalier who the Flyers thought they were getting to emerge.

## Luke Schenn



The trade of James van Riemsdyk to Toronto for Brayden Schenn's older brother is a cautionary tale about what can happen when you give up on a player too soon. While Luke Schenn has underperformed on the Flyers backline, frequently committing defensive lapses leading to goals, JVR has blossomed into the scoring threat the Flyers always hoped he'd be north of the border. Before the break Schenn finally seemed to be playing much better. But can he sustain it?

## Ray Emery

With 23 games in 46 days, starting goalie Steve Mason can't play them all. That means the Flyers will need more of the Emery who shut down Calgary in the final game before the break than the one who went two and a half months between wins on home ice. Used sporadically, Emery has often made the tough save but let in the soft goal, making it hard for Craig Berube to trust him. But with the schedule so jumbled, he'll need his backup netminder to do his part.

## Mark Streit

Playing for Switzerland, Streit's solid effort on the defense was a large reason the Swiss played three straight 1-0 games. Now he'll try to build on that. The Flyers committed four years and $21 million to the now 36-year-old who was supposed to bolster the power play, but has been inconsistent much of the season.

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# NHL. Flyers scheduled to play most home games in entire NHL

With the Olympics finally over, the NHL season resumes Thursday night when the Flyers take on the San Jose Sharks, the first of 23 games in a frantic 46-day race to the finish line.

They're hoping to shake off the rust and pick up where they left off in the midst of a four-game winning streak.

Here are some key games to keep an eye on as the season winds toward its conclusion.

**March 1, Rangers**
The Flyers have always had a hard time beating Henrik Lundqvuist & Co. Under the revised playoff system, they'd better learn to do it soon, since there's a decent chance they could be first-round opponents. Considering the Flyers haven't won at the Garden in their last seven visits, finishing ahead of them in the standings and securing home ice might be a good idea.

**March 15, 16, Penguins**
Gold medalists Sidney Crosby and Chris Kunitz come to town for the first of a weekend home-and-home set, which continues the next night in Pittsburgh. Ironically, recent history shows home ice to be a disadvantage between the two. The Pens are 3-0 in Philly since their 2012 playoff flameout.

**March 30, Bruins**
It will be interesting to see how the post-Olympic Flyers stack up with the Bruins. Since being humbled 6-1 on Jan. 25 where their fans booed them off the ice, Philadelphia has responded by going 5-1 into the break. If they can hang with a team that's gone to the Cup Finals two of the last three years, it would significantly boost their postseason hopes.

**April 13, Hurricanes**
The regular season wraps with Carolina, who happened to be stuck here an extra day during the big January storm. The 'Canes won that rescheduled game to go with the two they won earlier on home ice, so they figure to be confident in a game that may mean nothing — or everything. JON MARKS

Brayden Schenn and the Flyers are back Thursday at 7 p.m. / GETTY IMAGES

Schmidt returns

## Phillies to bring back Schmidt, as broadcaster

Comcast SportsNet announced Wednesday that Hall of Famer and former Phillies third baseman Mike Schmidt will join Tom McCarthy in the broadcast booth 13 times in 2014 for "Sunday's with Schmidt." The Phillies all-time home run leader will be in the booth for Sunday afternoon home games throughout the year.

"I am extremely excited to be a part of the Phillies broadcast team," said Schmidt. "Comcast SportsNet has put together a great lineup, and now 'Let's play ball!' " METRO

Hamels getting healthy

## Phillies' McClure says Hamels healthy

Cole Hamels threw a 35-pitch bullpen session Wednesday in front of the thoroughly impressed Phillies pitching coach Bob McClure.

After the session, the coach said Hamels was "100 percent healthy," and said Hamels would probably not miss more than two starts at season's start.

Hamels will throw two more bullpen sessions, two live batting practices and then a Grapefruit League game by the second week of March.

The Phillies will not need a fifth starter until their ninth game. METRO


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# Eagles ink Peters to deal

**NFL.** Six-time Pro Bowl offensive tackle Jason Peters wants to retire an Eagle after five-year deal.

The Eagles did not want to take any chances with their All-Pro offensive tackle Jason Peters, who was entering the final year of his contract in 2014.

So they inked the 32-year-old to a five-year, $51.3 million pact with $19.55 million guaranteed Wednesday, keeping the anchor of their offensive line in place for years to come.

"It feels wonderful just knowing you're in one spot," Peters said of his contract with the Birds. "To be one of the first [of the current] Eagles to retire here, it feels good."

Peters has been an Eagles since 2009 but missed all of 2012 with a twice-ruptured Achilles tendon, leaving the offensive line in disarray in his absence.

"There aren't many people cut from the same cloth as Jason Peters," Eagles coach Chip Kelly said in a statement. "To be able to bounce back from two Achilles injuries and return to an All-Pro level speaks not only to his incredible athleticism, but proves just how hard he works at his game. Having him at left tackle provides a lot of comfort to our quarterback and to our entire offense. He's a guy that many players look up to in our locker room."

Peters is a six-time pro bowler, and with this deal extending through his age-36 season, it is likely he will finish his career with the Eagles.

"I got a $5,000 signing bonus in Buffalo," said Peters, who joined the Bills as an undrafted tight end in 2004 and played on their practice squad. "Everybody that knew me knew I believed in myself, I knew it was going to happen sooner or later but it's just a dream come true."

Peters being locked up for the foreseeable future gives the Eagles enviable stability at its offensive line, with Lane Johnson, Evan Mathis and Jason Kelce all set to return in 2014.

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**By the numbers**

**5**

Times Jason Peters was an AP All-Pro selection. Two of these were first team, three were second team.

**16**

Number of games started by Peters at left tackle in 2013, just a season removed from suffering two Achilles injuries.

**Quoted**

"They didn't want to risk losing me and I didn't want to go anywhere. I let them know that." Peters

Jason Peters will continue to be a key part of the Eagles offense for years to come. / GETTY IMAGES

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### Maxing out

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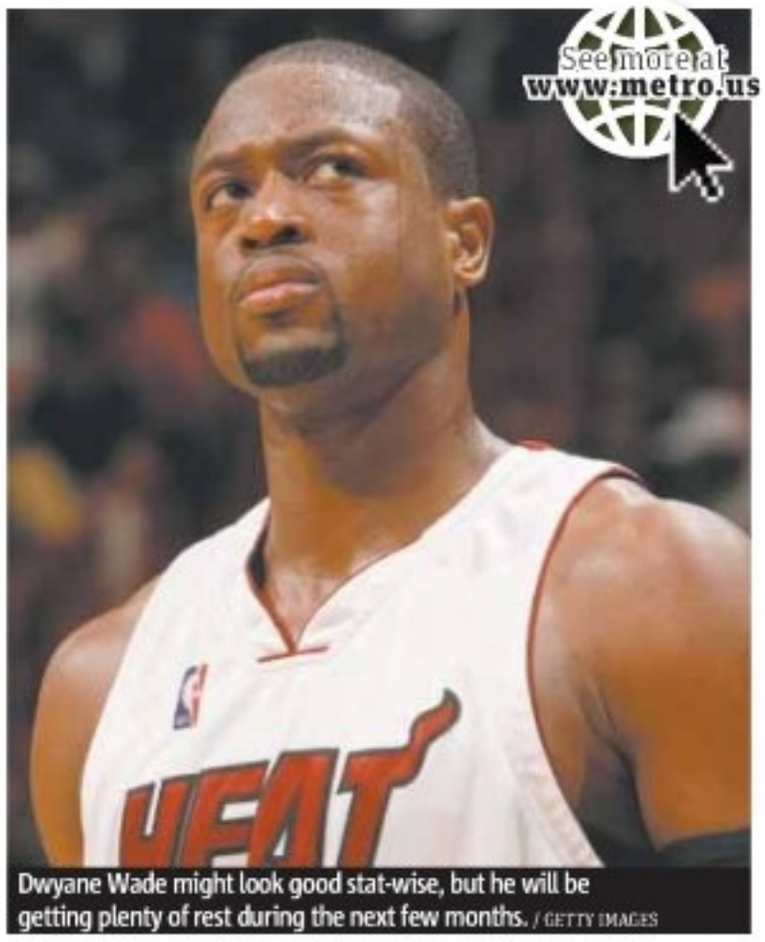


Dwyane Wade might look good stat-wise, but he will be getting plenty of rest during the next few months. / GETTY IMAGES

### Beware of rest

Unfortunately, NBA coaches don't have fantasy owners in mind over the final couple weeks of the regular season. They're selfishly worried about having fresh players for the playoffs. Therefore, we can predict a ton of DNP-CDs — that's "did not play, coach's decision" — in the fantasy playoffs, especially from aging veterans. Dwyane Wade sat out nine of the final 14 games last year and eight of the final 16 in 2011-12.

### Category hunt

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**130872** An Ordinance amending Title 21 "Miscellaneous," by adding a new Chapter 21-2600, entitled "Municipal Identification Cards," that authorizes the issuance of municipal identification cards, under certain terms and conditions.

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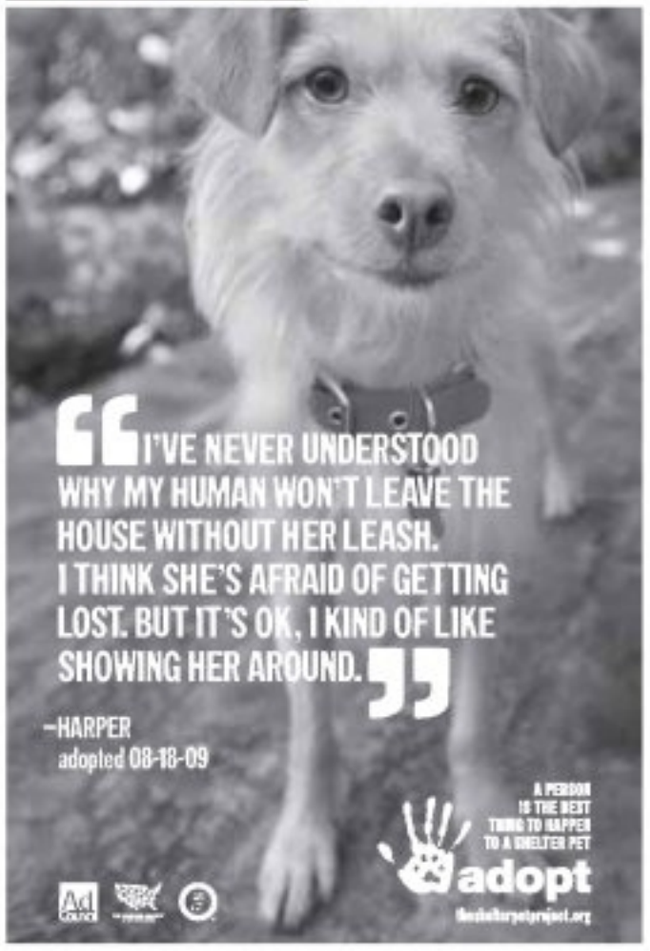
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